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Dr. JOSEPH H. MOORE, Assistant Astronomer Lick Observatory—Thursday, March 18th, and Saturday, March 20th. Subject, "Periodic Variable Stars."

Dr. GEORGE E. HALE, Director Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory—Saturday, March 27th. Subject, "Solar Vortices and Magnetic Fields."

Dr. R. G. AITKEN, Astronomer Lick Observatory—Tuesday, March 30th; subject, "Comets." Thursday, April 1st; subject, "Visual and Spectroscopic Binary Stars."

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RESIGNATION OF ASTRONOMER PERRINE.

Dr. CHARLES DILLON PERRINE, of the Lick Observatory staff, has been appointed Director of the Argentine National Observatory at Cordoba, in succession to the late Dr. THOME. Dr. PERRINE left Mount Hamilton on March 29th, *en route* to Cordoba.

Dr. PERRINE's astronomical career has been a remarkable one in many particulars. Prevented by circumstances from securing an academic education, he nevertheless looked forward to engaging in astronomical work. Resigning an important commercial position in 1893, he came to the Lick Observatory in the capacity of Secretary, with the fixed purpose of devoting his spare time to the study of astronomical and related subjects, by way of preparation for later observatory duties. In 1895 his title was changed to Secretary and Assistant Astronomer. He was appointed Astronomer in the Lick Observatory in 1905. His first successes, the discovery of thirteen comets (1895 to 1900), were made as a result of systematic searches undertaken outside of his assigned duties. Dr. PERRINE was awarded the Lalande Prize of the Paris Academy of Sciences in 1897, and the gold medal of the Mexican Astronomical Society in 1905. He was elected Associate of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1904. He received the degree of Doctor of Sciences from Santa Clara College in 1905.

The writer recognizes with pleasure that Dr. PERRINE's contributions to our knowledge of comets, of satellites, of solar eclipse phenomena, of *nebulæ* and star clusters, of solar

parallax, etc., are important factors in the history of the Lick Observatory. He regrets,—giving expression to only one of many feelings,—that he and Dr. PERRINE, who have observed three eclipses together, will probably not be able to observe a fourth eclipse in common again. It is a great satisfaction, however, to know that Dr. PERRINE's experience and skill, acquired in the Lick Observatory, will be devoted to the development of astronomy in the southern hemisphere.

The sentiments of the Observatory community concerning the departure of Mr. and Mrs. PERRINE were expressed through the presentation of a loving-cup.

W. W. CAMPBELL.
